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VICTORY Log

WE PLEDGE TO THE ARMED SERVICES OUR MAXIMUM WARTIME PRODUCTION

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53 RETURNED WAR VETERANS AT SPRAGUE'S

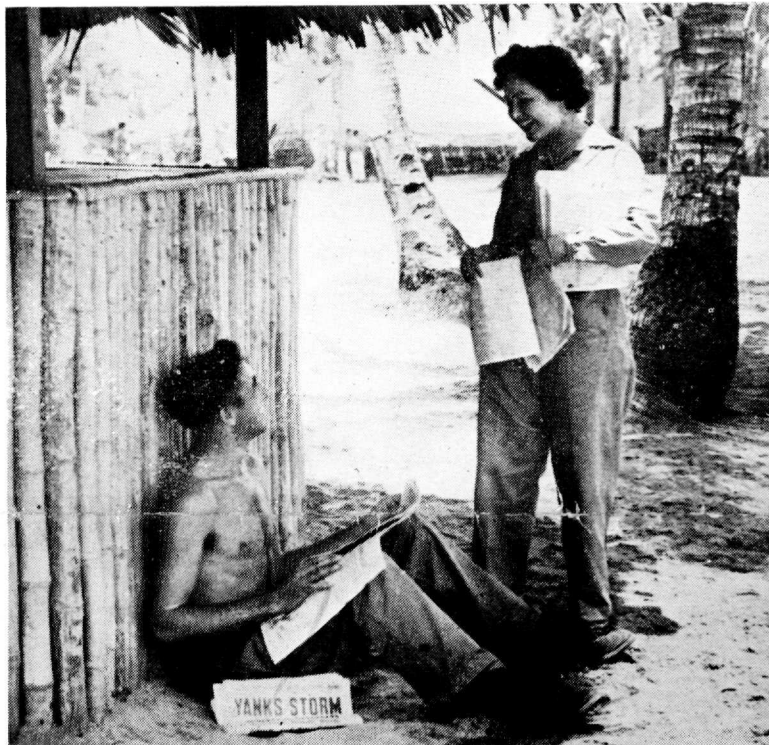
Meets Many North Adams and Former Sprague Employees at Okinawa and Philippines

SPRAGUE ORCHESTRA IN FIRST REHEARSAL OCTOBER 9

Reports show that some forty persons have signified their intention to rehearse with the Sprague Electric Orchestra which is scheduled to hold its first rehearsal at the Richmond Blue Room on October 9th.

While the committee organizing this orchestra has contacted a long list, if you have had experience playing any standard instrument—brass, wind or string—please accept this as an invitation to attend the October second rehearsal.

Arrangements for adequate rehearsal headquarters for the winter have been made, as well as for building a library of music. The Sprague Electric Company is definitely interested in the development of this orchestra and those joining may feel assured that this orchestra will have adequate backing so that it will be a healthy and continuing organization.



Peter Maruco, formerly of Paper Assembly, waits for American Red Cross canteen to open near the Army Convalescent Hospital in the Philippines. He is talking with a Red Cross worker, Margaret Bullock of Birmingham, Ala. (Acme Photo)

YOUR COOPERATION ASKED - - ON 4-POINT PROGRAM

Police authorities and safety officials in cooperation with the Berkshire Safety Council have called on all residents of Berkshire County to reduce the pedestrian traffic accident toll on the streets and highways.

Judge Israel Ruby of the Williamstown District Court, Chairman of the Highway and Traffic Safety Committee of the Safety Council, points out that out of the total of 13 motor vehicle fatalities in the County so far this year 10 have been pedestrians.

To emphasize the need for immediate steps to reduce this toll, Judge Ruby has announced that one minute trailers on traffic safety will be shown in all theaters. These movie trailers deal

especially with pedestrian hazards both among children and adults. The following four-point message is emphasized.

1. Cross streets at corners.
2. Don't step into the street from between parked cars.
3. When walking on the highway always walk on the left, facing traffic.
4. Always drive so that you can stop if a pedestrian does the unexpected.

The showing of these movie trailers is a part of the general highway safety campaign during which every car owner in the County will be asked to join the "Automobile Safety Club" and pledge to drive safely.

Aug. 20, 1945

Dear Friends:

I am writing this letter on my day off and today it is very warm. I am now at rest camp, been here since July 10. Came from Okinawa—had a good trip over. The food was very good. I like Okinawa for the climate, as it is like back home and that is all I like about the place.

At this time I want to thank the Sprague Employees for the package they sent to me in May. Everything was in good order and sure appreciated.

I am again receiving the *Log* and want to thank all who are making this possible. I enjoy reading them as I then know what is what around the shop and where my friends are.

I met Arthur St. Pierre and Robert Dube here. They are in good health and look good. St. Pierre asked me to also send his thanks for the package he received. He is very busy right now and has had no time to write. Some other boys I have met are William Andrews, Anthony A. Cilli, Victor Vareschi, Lt. I. Bongiolatti, Aime Thibert, Bill Kazlauskas, Hank Boudreau, Albert Reopell, Gerald Brassard, William Breault, Clifford King and John Januska. Guess I have seen quite a few of the fellows from back there, down here.

Now that the war is over I hope that all the fellows are home for Christmas.

Your pal, Peter Maruco

24 FORMERLY EMPLOYED HERE

LESS THAN 5% OF WAR PLANTS RECEIVED ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD

LOG readers will note with interest that the man nominated as the new Secretary of War is former Assistant Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, who dictated and signed the letters awarding to the Sprague employees in February 1943 their first Army-Navy "E". When we realize that less than 5% of all war plants received the "E" award the importance of the honor bestowed five times on Sprague employees becomes clear. Sprague workers were engaged on highly important war work. Their attention is called to page 4 of this issue and the "Seven Salutes to the Electrical Manufacturing Industry."



CLIPPER HELPED SPEED UP WAR WORK

Nobody seems to know just why the Sprague Company's Packard came to be known as the Clipper. It had been called the "Blue Beetle", the "Packard" and the "Clipper", but that last name stuck to the car which daily makes so many trips between the Sprague Company's three plants.

The always cheerful skipper of the good ship tells us that it made its first voyage from the Beaver Plant, via Marshall Street Plant to the Brown Street Plant, and return, in July of 1944. Since that time, it has put behind it, some 24,000 miles. Skipper "Chet" Gallup also estimates that the Clipper carries fifty or more passengers per day—not to mention the valuable

models and important communications which also journey from plant to plant. With fifty or more passengers daily, "Chet" estimates that by October first of this year, the Clipper will have carried upwards of 20,000 persons in the fourteen months of service.

There were many practical reasons why the good ship Clipper was put in service in 1944. Pressure of business, heavy and important war contracts, plus the constant visiting of government officials, expeditors, engineers, military officers. These all meant constant conferences back and forth between the Sprague three plants. In addition, there was the need for

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The "Skipper" and the "Clipper"



The Skipper "Chet" Gallup is ready to leave the Beaver plant, with mail for the Post Office. At the back, is a special bus waiting to pick up employees from the second shift.



543 Sprague Employees in Service



18 Sprague Men Made the Supreme Sacrifice



53 Veterans Now Working at Sprague's

"Of the Employees, by the Employees, for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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LEST WE FORGET!

Beginning in October the LOG will change the front page heading to a peacetime slogan. Through the war years we have said: **We pledge to the Armed Services our Maximum Wartime Production.** Now the heading will carry the simpler lines: **By Sprague Employees and for Sprague Employees.** But while so many of our boys are still in service and yet to be returned to their country and homes, we are keeping that important word **VICTORY** flying in our masthead Lest we forget!

RECONVERSION TO PEACETIME PRODUCTION GOING AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE

For many people the country over it is still difficult to realize that the war is over. Gradually things swing back into civilian stride. It is heartening to learn that a large part of the Armed Forces will be returned earlier than had been thought possible. But this will take many months to accomplish. Until, the young men and women of the country,— our citizen army, navy, marine corps and merchant marine,— are returned to their homes and are once more in "civies" the war will still be with us.

Meantime those waiting for them can do much to put their homes, communities, businesses and industries in good condition to receive them. Here at Sprague's everything possible is being done to move forward the Company's postwar plans, subject to the many difficulties which confront both the component manufacturers and the electrical industry as a whole.

Servicemen Visiting Plant During Month of August

NAME	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT
Robert Bissaillon	Navy	Tubular Assembly
Bernard Perras	Navy	Gas Mask
Kenneth Hill	Navy	Boxing
Walter Westcott	Navy	Boxing
Frank Casuscelli	Navy	Section Test
William Duverney	Army	Maintenance
Adolf Zabeck	Navy	Paper Rolling
Howard Delisle	Army	Dry Test
John Scott	Navy	Sample Lab
William Pinsonnault	Navy	Tubular Assembly
David Chietini	Navy	Networks Lab
Raymond Lamoureux	Army	Drafting
Casmer Penczar	Army	Boxing
Frank Krol	Navy	Maintenance
Lucius Coody	Navy	I. O. Terminal Assembly
Kenneth Armstrong	Army	Maintenance
Leslie Dustin	Army	Filter
Milan Scalise	Army	Oven
Kenneth Muggle	Marines	Chemical and Electrical Control

SPORTS by Bernie Bullett

All-Star Softball Team

As has been the custom for the past several years, the Sprague Log has once again chosen its mythical All-Star Softball Team, comprised of the outstanding players in the Northern Berkshire Softball League.

This year, a change in the manner of selecting players took place. Each coach and the three senior umpires picked the team they thought strongest. The players receiving the most votes were honored.

ALL STAR PLAYERS

Coope	Adams Laundry I.B.	5
Bohl	Corner Cafe	2.B. 3
Bergeron	Corner Cafe	S.S. 5
Walden	Cornish Wire	S.S. 5
Magnifico	Less Market	3.B. 5
Vincelette	Corner Cafe	L.F. 8
Barry	Sprague Prod.	C.F. 3
Pallone	Corner Cafe	R.F. 6
Bulletti	Corner Cafe	S.F. 6
Salisz	Adams Laundry C.	4
Roy	Sprague Prod.	P. 7
Kolis	Adams Laundry P.	6

The numbers on right indicates votes.

Bulletti Selected MVP By Margin of 7 Votes

John Bulletti, 34 year old veteran short fielder of the Corner Cafe team, has been chosen the Most Valuable Player of the Northern Berkshire Softball League, defeating George Roy, Sprague Products' classy pitcher by a 31 to 24 vote. Third in the balloting was Butch Kolis, diminutive speed ball hurler of the Adams Laundry. Kolis polled 14 votes.

M.V.P.

Bulletti sparked the Corner Cafe to a first half pennant with his lusty hitting, finishing the regular schedule with an average of better than .400. He has always been a mainstay of the teams he has represented, and for years, has been considered the peer of softball players in the Berkshire County.



Runner-Up

George Roy, who ranked second in the balloting was the young man who pitched the corner to the first half championship



and in the 2nd half twirled the Sprague Products to the crown. Roy, among his other assets, wields a mighty potent bat.

Third Place

Butch Kolis, last year's winner got off to a bad start with the Laundrymen this summer, but even with his poor start he finished strongly, and took third place.

Baseball Coach and Assistants Lauded

Enough praise cannot be given to the local club and its popular and efficient coach John McConnell. They have afforded this city with an excellent brand of ball all season. McConnell deserves an extra pat on the back for both his uncanny coaching ability and earnest effort in booking strong

opponents throughout the season. Another fellow who helped the club was our own Walt Carpenter, who served very competently as assistant manager. Our sports reporter "Ken" Russell played a fine game of ball when in the lineup, and thrilled many spectators with his fleetness of foot.

Versatile Emcee

In addition to his regular duties as supervisor of the Time Study Department at the Brown Street Plant, quiet and ever genial "Kit" Carson is, as everybody knows, the Master of Ceremonies of the "Sprague on Parade" radio program. "Kit" is a versatile person, when you stop to think of his prestige as a golfer and fisherman,— we refer to that strange and wondrous fishing tackle presented him by his ardent friends at Brown Street. The Log hopes to publish a picture of this tackle. Kit also lives in constant hope that the Red Sox will best some team to the tune of 15-1 before the season ends. . . . Anyway, "Kit" is doing a great job as Master of Ceremonies on the radio program and we want you to know about it — perhaps he will consent sometime to give his Charlie McCarthy act with his stooge Gertrude for the radio audience.

Looking Ahead

In Step for the Air Age

It took a war to bring together aircraft and electrical industries together and to demonstrate that extensive electrical systems in planes would enhance their dependability. The closer liaison now established in all phases of both industries, is expected to provide more efficient development of tomorrow's planes — which may include all-electric craft.

Fluorescent Bath Vital

Lighting engineers recommend that fluorescent lamps be washed with soap and water once a month to insure efficient, long service.

Pound of Wire: 62 Miles

Wire of cobweb consistency, only a third as thick as human hair, is used in instruments that measure electronic circuits. A pound of the wire stretches 62 miles.

Shocking!

Two women discussing a mutual acquaintance: First—"She has a magnetic personality." Second—"She ought to have. Every stitch she has on is charged."

CLIPPER HELPED SPEED WAR WORK Continued from page 1



Left: Leaving Marshall Street plant, Clipper and passengers inspected by Army Engineer guard.

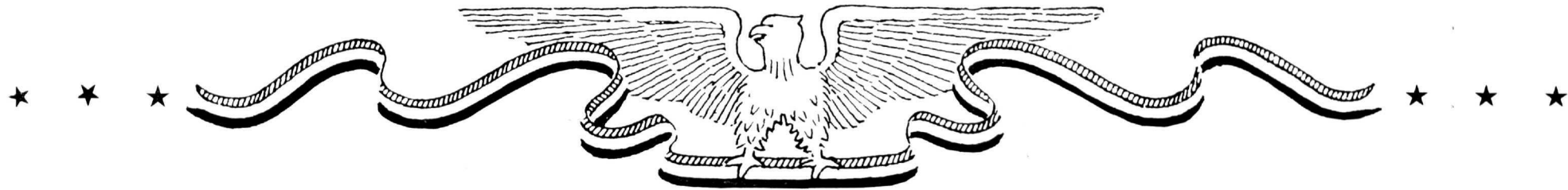
Below: At Brown Street plant, "Bernie" Bullett alights from Clipper and "Chet" Gallup is about to deliver "rush" letters.

frequent relay of special samples and materials, memos, as well as actual visits between the plants often several times per day by many different types of workers in practically every Department. The Clipper, naturally, has been of tremendous service in speeding up war work at Sprague's. Four round trips are made in the morning and five in the afternoon, including regular stops at the post office for delivery and pick-up of mail.

Like all good ships in war and peace, much credit goes to the skipper "Chet" Gallup, for his sunny disposition, co-operation and punctuality. . . . It always paid to be at the dock early—because you could count on it, that "Chet" and the Clipper would leave on time!



Letters and Picture from Our Men and Women In Service



Receives Package Five Hours After News of Jap Surrender

Ledo, India
August 17, 1945

Sprague Employees
Dear Friends:

I received your package the other day and I want to thank all of my former fellow employees. The boys here and myself sure enjoyed every bit of it and it was used as our means of celebrating Japan's surrender. It arrived here just 5 hours after the war was officially over.

I also wish to send my thanks for the *Log*. I've been receiving it regularly since entering the army in July of 1943.

It's an honor to be remembered after so short a stay at Sprague's. It's great to read the latest in what's happening back there.

Last December I went into combat with the Mars Task Force to open the Burma (now named "Stilwell") Road. I was assigned to the 124th Cavalry as 1st Gunner in an 81mm. mortar squad. Shortly after combat I was sent to a hospital in Myitkyina, Burma, where a knee operation was performed. I'm here in Ledo now waiting to be reclassified.

That's about it for now. Thanks for everything. Hoping to see you soon, I remain,

Charles Brazeau

Finally Settled

Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept. 5, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have finally got settled for a little while longer.

I have been signed now to the USS Adirondack, which is a very beautiful ship. It was commissioned last Sunday and I guess everyone from Pennsylvania was on it.

The weather here is very warm, especially in the morning when one is scrubbing decks. There isn't much more to say—only I hope everyone at Sprague's is still going strong, the Impregnating Department especially. Sincerely yours,

Francis Bennett

With First in Tokyo

Fifth Air Force Headquarters, Tokyo—Sgt. Roger M. Vincelle, formerly of the Block Test, is a member of the famed 9th Fighter Squadron, the first fighter outfit to land at Tokyo during Gen. MacArthur's combined land, sea, and air occupation of the Japanese capital.

The honor of being the first fighter outfit to land on the Japanese homeland was earned by the 9th for its destruction of 276 enemy planes in combat while driving the Japanese back from Darwin, Australia, to their home islands.

Sgt. Vincelle works in the Ordnance department, maintaining and servicing the guns of the squadron's P-38 "Lightnings" and has been with the organization since December, 1944. Asked how he felt about being a member of the first American fighter squadron landing in Japan, he replied, "Glad to be among the first."

PROMOTED

Quantico, Va.
Sept. 5, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

It has been quite a while since I last wrote you and I have been receiving the *Log* every week. It really means a lot to me. You can't imagine how wonderful it is to read that "little paper from the home town."

I guess folks in North Adams are beginning to be relieved now that the boys are coming back. The girls in the Marine Corps have to have 25 points. I have 22 so I should be discharged in November. Everyone here is excited about going home. I really like the service and if it were not for my dad I would probably stay in a little longer.

I am still cooking and today I was promoted to Chief Cook, which is the rank of Sergeant. Another bit of exciting news—I am having a 15 day furlough September 15, and I am going to Rexburg, Idaho, to visit a friend of mine who was recently discharged.

Give my love to all my friends at Sprague's.

"Sandy" Sartori.

Gift Package Catches Up

France
August 29, 1945

Sprague Employees
Dear Friends:

I received the box sent to me in May. It sure did a lot of traveling as I was moved a dozen times after I left the M.P.Bn. I took infantry training and was headed for the front lines, got as far as the Rhine river in Germany. We were kept there for ten weeks then moved back to France, about fourteen miles from Marseilles. It is very nice here but very hot and dusty.

I am just waiting to be put in an outfit to be sent home. Hope it will be soon.

We don't do much here—go swimming every afternoon. The food is pretty good but the time is long doing nothing. I am sure glad it is all over and I will be glad to be back with the old gang once more.

Well this will be all for now. Regards to the gang. Thanks for the packages and the *Log* that I receive every month. See you soon.

Yours truly,

Armand Gibeau

Pacific Tough!

Somewhere on Luzon

Hi Gang:

Haven't very much time but I thought I'd better let you know my new address. I'm now in the Pacific and would rather be right back in Italy. I can easily see that the boys over here really had it tough.

I just received a *Log*, this one makes three that I've got in the last three days. Wish I could receive one every day. It's the only way I have of finding out where the boys are. I never met anyone I knew all the while I was in Italy. Hope I have better luck over here.

Well, that's about all the time I have right now. Hoping to see you all soon.

Walt O'Neill

Wins Sergeant's Stripes

Anthony J. DeMarco, formerly a guard at the Brown Street plant, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in Italy, according to word received by relatives.



Sgt. Sandy Sartori, stationed at Quantico with the U. S. Marine Corps. Sandy was formerly in the Paper Rolling Dept.

BICK WOULD GIVE BACK BIAK

(Biak is a South-Pacific Island)

When Kipling wrote of Mandalay
And flying fish and stuff,
Of elephants and teakwood and
Of living that is rough,
He might have known his India
But on my word—sad sack—
He never saw this hopeless place—
The Island of Biak.

I've dipped into the salty surf,
I've wandered on the shore,
I've seen the golden sunset when
The blis'ring day was o'er;
I've tasted of the tropics, but
There's something that they lack - - -
I have no hopes of finding on
The Island of Biak.

I've seen the South Sea movies of
Slim girls in gay sarongs,
Who danced in silver moonlight to
The music of the gongs;
I've seen the luscious Dotty bring
Her errant lover back,
But Grables are unheard of on - - -
The Island of Biak.

JOHN J. BICK
Flight Officer, ATC

Serving on USS Quincy

Earl F. Williams, SM2-c USNR, is serving on the heavy cruiser, USS Quincy, which is part of the powerful Pacific fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan. The Quincy took part in the victory at Normandy and was in the task force that bombarded Japan in July of this year.

Seaman Williams was formerly employed in the Machine Shop.

Story of Former Sprague Employee Appears In Newspaper Feature Section

CITIES WRECKED

August 20th
Sprague Electric Company

Dear Friends:

Just received the package that was sent by the Sprague employees and I want to thank them for their kindness toward us in the service.

Since I last wrote you I've gone a long way. I am now on Okinawa and it surely is an awful place to be. I have been here for some time and have gone through some tough experiences which you may have read about in the papers and you can take it from me that all the news you've read or heard about this island is true. The Japs were certainly dug in here, all you can see are caves and large tombs and they certainly used them.

The two largest cities Naha and Shure haven't a single building left standing. Everything is all blown to pieces. There are several native villages here—they live in straw shacks with only one room which they use for all purposes. Many native women, children and old men are still here and they are working for us. The women do our laundry, but we are not allowed to talk to them.

Out here there isn't a thing for us to do and no where to go. Boy, one certainly misses home. Now that the war is over I wonder what will become of us. I don't think we will get a break and go home, instead I imagine we will probably go to Japan for a while. All we can do is wait to see what happens next.

I have been receiving the *Log*; it takes a long time to get here but it's better late than never.

Well I guess that's about all for now. Regards to the boys in the Maintenance Department at Brown Street.

Good Luck.

John Rosse

Chaplain Eversley S. Ferris (known to Sprague employees as Stuart, when he worked with us in 1943) was featured recently in the Magazine section of the *Herald-Tribune*. This tall, lanky chap with his pleasing manner, volunteered for war work in 1942 and was assigned to the Sample Laboratory. Few people were aware of the fact that "Mr." Ferris belonged to the clergy, since he preferred to be known as plain Stuart Ferris.

His many friends will be interested to know of his present work as chaplain in the New York Bellevue Hospital. He spends some 53 or more hours a week at his duties, calling on patients, conducting religious services for ambulatory patients or talking with convalescents in his tiny cubicle of an office. He has taken up special courses to prepare himself for this particular work. "I always had a hankering for hospital work," he explained, "as it is deeply satisfying, and in doing it, you also improve yourself."

The hospital chaplain is a specialist, like the surgeon or the psychiatrist. It is necessary that he be a trained social service worker, as well as a combination foster mother-substitute friend-psychologist. He must know the art of comforting without irritating; must stimulate, but not excite; must make arrangements with a minimum of petty annoyance for the patient; and bring the comfort of religion to suffering patients without undue emphasis on creed or sect. Chaplain Ferris is well qualified for such an exacting position.

R. W. McPherson Promoted

Fireman 1st Class Robert W. McPherson has been made a petty officer, watertender third class according to word received by relatives. "Bob" was formerly employed as a draftsman before entering the service.

MEET OUR RETURNED WAR VETERANS

In the last issue of the *Log*, we printed short summaries of nineteen of our returned war veterans who are now working at the three Sprague Electric Plants.

We are pleased to continue these reports in this issue. We have had many favorable comments from our readers on these items appearing in the last *Log*. We hope that the returned veterans will keep our questionnaires coming back to the *Log* desk so that through this source, our workers can become better acquainted with these co-workers who served on many battlefronts.

At Brown Street:

Ralph Woodside was with the Combat Engineers of the U. S. Army for five and one-half years. He has earned two battle stars, Good Conduct medal, unit citation with a cluster. He is employed in the Industrial Oils Impregnating Department, and was a Pfc. at the time of his discharge.

Vincent Matranga of P.A.A. served in the Coast Artillery for two years. He was Corporal at the time of his discharge. He was formerly employed in Machine Shop.

Walter Moderski, of Industrial Oils was with the Army Medical Supply Depot as a private for five months.

At Beaver Street:

Alfred Peters was employed with the Wet Salvage Department before entering the service and at present is employed in the Receiving Room. He served in the Air Force as private for twenty-three months and earned the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal.

Robert Pilot is employed in the Can Shop and prior to entering service employed in Paper Rolling. He served twenty-four months as a private in the Medical detachment of the Air Corps.

Joseph Poissant, of Paper Rolling prior to the war and at present, served with the Infantry four years and six months. At the time of discharge he was Corporal Technician Fifth grade and holds the Good Conduct and American Defense ribbons.

Gerald O'Neil of the Stock Room at present and before service was a private in the Air Force for three months.

SEVEN SALUTES

to the *Electrical Manufacturing Industry*

Sprague Electric employees all contributed so much to the war effort that we are sure they will be inspired by these short salutes, recently given over nationwide radio networks, to let the people of the country know the part taken by the Electrical Manufacturing Industry in bringing about final victory.

1. Salute to Electrical Controls

One of this war's greatest production jobs was done by the manufacturers of electrical control equipment — a job without fanfare or glory. For there is little glory in a "master control station" that keeps a plane stable... or the "electric brain" for a one-hundred-ton propeller-cutting machine... or the photo-electric cells that detect cracks in glass food containers... that insure accurate counting at rates up to a million per second... that judge the color and temperature of steel. But in spear-heading the attack, the electrical industry engineered and perfected nine billion dollars worth of victory-producing equipment in 1944 — though geared for only one-fifth of that amount. Electrically speaking we're living in 1970.

2. Salute to Electric Motors

Virtually every implement of warfare depends on electric motors. A battleship has as many as 900; a B-29 carries 255; an LST depends on 140. On ships, electric motors provide power for ventilation, refrigeration and fresh water; electric motors aim and load guns... keep towlines taut... drive oil pumps and do the steering. In the air, electric motors feather the propellers... operate the turrets, automatic pilots, landing gears, bomb doors and computing sights. Behind the battle lines, the services of electric motors are legion. They are available for every conceivable duty from operating an electric razor to hauling long, war-laden freight trains and turning massive rollers in a steel mill. The electric motor is in fact man's most versatile servant.

3. Salute to Electrical Instruments

Millions upon millions of instruments were in service on the battle and production fronts. Instruments register every motion—every function—of planes, ships, tanks and artillery—they detect the enemy, sight the guns, drop bombs literally on a pinpoint. In the war plants, electrical instruments measure and record the slightest variation in light, sound, color, speed, distance, purity, size and hundreds of other vital qualities. The cathode ray oscillograph even reveals what happens in one three-hundred-millionth of a second. Yes, electrical instruments do marvelous things today.

4. Salute to Power Generating Equipment

A tribute to the giant whose product turns the wheels of every plant in the nation—the giant that goes to work every time you flick a switch. Here in America, we owe much of our standard of living—and our success in war production—to cheap and plentiful electricity. America used more than 270 billion kilowatt-hours last year—almost half of all the electricity produced in the world, and more than three times the pre-war demand of 1939. In carrying this terrific war load, the electrical power generating industry has done a monumental job!

5. Salute to Transmission Equipment

To supply this great nation with the power that produces our essentials in war and in peace, the electrical distribution industry maintains 290 thousand miles of high voltage transmission lines, to say nothing of the web of distributing systems reaching from sub-stations to every city and town in America. While you, the average citizen, see only the towers, wires and transformers scattered here and there, to maintain the electrical distribution system, the industry in transmitting its electrical energy requires thousands of control devices—instruments, motors, regulators and hundreds of thousands of miles of conductors.

6. Salute to Radio Communications

Of all the great achievements of this war, no star shines more brightly than that of the radio communications industry. Radio production for war is a story of almost miraculous scientific development and manufacturing achievement—a story woven around such accomplishments as the walkie-talkie... static-free radios in planes, tanks and ships... the "Gibson Girl" SOS transmitter for men adrift at sea... Radar... and many other secret electronic devices. These modern radio communications and detecting units permit instant two-way talk between all elements of Allied striking forces, on land, on sea, or in the air... and send bombs and shells true to the mark. Yes, radio changed the entire face of the war.

7. Salute to Wire Communication, Telephone and Telegraph

Last year, on the home front, the telephone industry handled 176 700,000 war supporting long distance telephone calls—almost as many as the total long distance calls made in 1938... '39... and '40 put together. On the battlefield, in addition to maintaining unfailing field communications, the telephone and telegraph industry has done an even greater job in developing and producing the communication weapons of war such as two-way radios... field switchboards... telephones and cables... and many other war-secret electronic devices.

Do You Know?

that in a single U. S. battleship there are more than 900 electric motors, a thousand different electrical instruments, 1100 telephones, 1600 electronic tubes and a wiring system 1700 miles long? That gives some idea of the tremendous wartime assignment the electrical manufacturing industry received from Uncle Sam. Radar, automatic plane pilots, smoke generators, sound detectors, detonators, range finders -- these are only a few of the thousands of complex electrical products supplied in enormous quantity to our Armed Forces... And millions of Sprague components of many kinds, made by Sprague employees, formed a part of practically all this and much other essential war equipment. In future issues of the LOG we hope to bring you more detailed accounts of what our war products were, what they went into, what they did, how they performed. All this has been of a secret nature. Now some of it can be told. As the information becomes available the LOG will publish it for its readers.

Says Au Revoir

The Sprague Chorus displayed fine form in singing the "Merry Widow Waltz" and the rollicking "Come to the Fair" on the September 5th program. It was at this program that Mrs. Charlotte Lasher said farewell to her listeners in this area, as she leaves for Florida. She scored a big hit in "Il Est Doux", and in her duet with Mr. Madison: "I'll See You Again." Guest soloist on the program was Jay Gray, who crooned "There's No You" and "South of the Border." A high spot in the program, was the piano duet of Miss Florence Dunn, our accompanist, with our guest, Mr. Harry Allaire, who played Mozart's Minuet from the Third Symphony.



PUPPOLO - MEZZANOTTE: Miss Yolanda Mezzanotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mezzanotte of North Adams and Sgt. David Puppulo, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Puppulo were married Saturday, September 8, 1945. Sgt. Puppulo was formerly employed in the Filter Department.

LIVELY - PAQUETTE: Miss Isabelle G. Paquette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paquette of North Adams became the bride of Sgt. Armand Mederic Lively, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mederic Lively of Heath, Monday, September 10, 1945. Mrs. Lively is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

DEVINE - BLAIR: Miss Helen Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Blair of North Adams and Renald Devine, son of Mr. Romeo Devine of North Adams were united in marriage Saturday, August 25, 1945. Mrs. Blair is employed in the Section Test Department.

DECOIGNE - NEPHEW: Miss Laura Lucille Nephew, daughter of Edward Nephew of North Adams became the bride of Frederick H. Decoigne, son of Mrs. Louise Decoigne of Adams, Mass., Saturday, September 15, 1945. The bride is employed in the Paper Assembly Department.

DUCHARME - GAROFANO: Miss Pasqualina P. Garofano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saverio Garofano of North Adams and Edward P. Ducharme of North Adams were married Saturday, September 15, 1945. Mrs. Ducharme is employed in the Bathtub Assembly Department and Mr. Ducharme is employed in the Dry Formation Department.

Humor

A pretty, young drill press operator in a defense plant expressed her relief after a visit to the doctor. "I have just found out," she said, "that those hard lumps in my arms are muscles!"

A young soldier dashed madly across the dock towards the ferry. With a frantic leap he spanned the three feet of water and crashed onto the deck. "Whew!" he exclaimed when he had gotten his breath. "I made it after all!"

"Made what?" asked one of the deckhands dubiously. "This boat's just coming in!"

Sprague Wolf: "The doctor's book says that bathing alone will not keep you clean."

Wolverine: "Well, no matter what it says, I'll continue to bathe alone."

New Editor For Brown Street

It is with pleasure we add the name of Miss Bertha Salvantis of the Resistor Department to the Log Staff as editor of the Brown Street Plant. Bertha is well known at Brown Street and to the Log readers. She has contributed several fine original poems and at one time, reported for the Resistor Department.

We welcome Bertha and hope she will enjoy working with us.

Charlotte Lasher Goes to Florida

After serving for many months as one of our feature soloists on the Sprague Employee Radio programs, Mrs. Charlotte Lasher bade us goodbye on the September 5th program.

Charlotte and her husband are leaving the Berkshires to make their home in Florida, where it is hoped that the southern climate will be beneficial to Mr. Lasher's health. Mrs. Lasher expects to contact some of the important radio stations while in Florida, and her friends hope to hear her lovely voice again, by way of the Florida airwaves.

Miss Florence Dunn with Emma Willard School at Troy, N. Y.

Miss Florence Dunn, our accompanist on the "Sprague on Parade" program has accepted a position in the music department of the Emma Willard School in New York. Her great spirit of cooperation and long experience as accompanist has been a great help in building the Sprague Radio program to its high standard. All the Sprague Chorus, and the many friends of Miss Dunn wish her success in her new venture.

Thanks to Eleanor Salerno

Eleanor Salerno, who so capably assisted Mary Majhews at the Log desk this summer while the Managing Editor was on leave of absence, will be missed by the many friends she made while staying with us. We wish her good luck and hope that she will not forget to pay us a visit from time to time.



Prokar Dept.

By Minnie Dextradour

We have two proud grandmothers in our room—Mary Roy and Laura Desrosia, who welcomed new grandsons recently.

Greetings to Beatrice Driscoll, Pauline Allen and Rosilda Boucher, who celebrated their birthdays this month.

DISCOVERED—Barbara Williams, check inspector, and Mary Ballout, navy inspector, were born the same day and month, but not the same year.

QUESTION—Who's youngest?... We can't find out.

TIMELY ADVICE—Don't leave anything on Ceil Risch's desk—she throws everything out—lunches included. Isn't that right, Leda King?

Who is the boy friend now, Lizzy Lawson—the one who wears the long coat and rubbers, or the one with the long whiskers?

Mr. Haggerty certainly keeps busy answering both bells when they ring.

The girls on the waxing are happy and glad to be back. They sing all day long—nice voices for the 1945 Minstrel Show.

We hope to see Nora (Ma) Deir soon. We all miss her and hope she is feeling better.

So long Gang, until the next edition.



Payroll

By Priscilla Windover

Miss "Jo" Girgenti of the Cost Department has been spending the past two weeks on vacation at home.

Ellen Horsfall who has left the Payroll Department, recently was presented a pin and earring set by her co-workers. Best of luck, Ellen!

Why is it that everyone greets Ida Lovett with the little ditty of kindergarten days—"Go in and out the Window"?

Mildred Kolodziej has been transferred to the Networks Laboratory, where she does clerical work. "Crosier's Corners" ain't the same without ya', Millie!

Production Scheduling

By A. E. F.

Two weeks have passed quickly and it is "Log-time" again. Since the war, and vacations have come to an end, we of Production Scheduling have quietly turned our attention to the task before us of reconverting to peace-time work. The most commonly used words this past month have been "cancellation of war contracts." In passing through this Department, one is almost certain to hear this expression. It may not sound too important, but because of it, we have changed our whole mode of working, and even living, we might say. However, we are more than happy to make that change when it means the early return of our boys to their home town.

Mrs. Eunice (Charbonneau) Swartzler is going to spend another month with her husband, Cpl. Leslie R. Swartzler at McCook, Neb. She writes that she is extremely happy but still prefers the East, and especially the Berkshires. Must be there is no place like home, Eunice.

Mrs. Genevieve Spila has received a leave of absence. She was given a party by a group of her close friends at the "Springs" in New Ashford.

Miss Mary Meade has left us to resume her duties as a school teacher in Pittsfield.

Mrs. Lydia Camadine is sporting a few cuts and scratches these days—the results of housekeeping. It's all new to "Lyd" and she says her paring knives "are so sharp." Still, from the smile she is wearing, we know that she loves it.

Walt Carpenter has worked so hard to make the Sprague Athletic Association a success, we think that he deserves a big hand... how about it?

Florence Southgate informed us that she often receives mail—but the other day, she came to work, happy as a lark. Reason? A letter received from a certain someone who counts—but definitely!



Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Helen Abbott enjoyed a vacation in Washington, D. C. and New York City. Ruth Gifford recently enjoyed a trip to New York City. She had a wonderful time at Coney Island.

Lena Garofano, our bride-of-the-month, was married September 15th, to Edward Ducharme, of Dry Formation Department.

We extend deepest sympathy to Pauline McCuen, whose mother recently passed away.

Lucy Libardi spent a few days in Springfield and also visited Amherst College.

Jessie Meczywor visited Boston and enjoyed the ball games.

Maintenance

By Umbrago

We are glad to welcome back to the Carpenter Gang, Kenneth Armstrong who recently received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army.

Ray Favreau, formerly of the Tin Shop and now in Uncle Sam's Army paid us a visit while on furlough. Ray expects to see Japan in the near future. We also enjoyed a visit from Frankie Krol of the U. S. Navy and formerly of the Electrical Gang.

Joseph Schneider, Jr. has left the Electrical Gang to join the U. S. Navy. He was inducted August 27th.

We are wondering if "Bus" Sherman got out of the dog house—or was he in it? Bus was seen carrying home a large bouquet of flowers the other night.

Robert Bardsley of Maintenance Test is the instructor in the new game of "pickup". (Your reporter can vouch for this.)

Carl Perry is seen wearing a broad smile these days... How come, Carl?

SEEN' IS BELIEVIN'



George Scarbo and John Murray Jr., buddies of Hinkle, are also pictured with the evidence of their fishing ability.

Machine Shop

By Walsh and Remillard

George Scarbo's advice to vacationers in New Hampshire, is to build a good hot fire on a warm August night to get the room temperature up somewhere in the 104 brackets. He practices what he preaches, according to Eddie Hinkel, who was with him on this vacation trip.

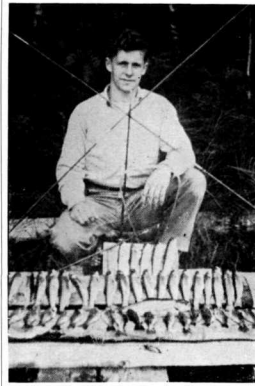
Welcome back to Joe Marlowe after his recovery from a recent operation, and speedy recovery to Bill Mausert, who is on the convalescing list.

Cpl. Al Daldoss, one of our former co-workers, paid us a visit here in the Machine Shop when he was home on furlough.

The August moon is a month late, and is just making its appearance now, according to our Astronomer, Ray Magnoli. He thinks the atomic bomb had something to do with it—what about it?

Red Garner sells broilers at ceiling price. The price hit the ceiling, all right, say we.

NICE CATCH



Eddie Hinkle of Machine Shop has something to brag about, with this catch which he and his buddies hauled in one day.

Dry Test

By L. B. and V.

BIRTHDAYS —

Gladys Sullivan celebrated her birthday on the 13th. Her co-workers provided a lovely cake and gifts. Happy birthday, Gladys.

Happy birthday, Mrs. Bowes, and we all hope that you have many more. Welcome back, Mrs. Rivard and Jeannette Archambault. We are glad to have Harriet Fortin with us, too.

Hope you enjoyed your vacation, Jennie Melito.

We were all sorry for Lucien Siciliano whose vacation was spoiled because of an attack of grippie.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Lillian Tisdale on the recent loss of her son.

Red Lewitt—are you popular! It is quite an achievement to get your picture in the "Springfield Record."

"No pride" we say—when Norman Remillard purchased that so-called car, recently.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

Sgt. James Gorman, brother of Margaret Viall and Shirley Gorman has returned from the ETO. He was one of the G.I.'s who was on the ship that was headed for the Pacific when news came of the Jap surrender and the ship turned and came back to the U.S.A. Sgt. Gorman has had 34 months service in Europe.

Pfc. Leon Perrault, brother of Roma, has also returned after 14 months of overseas duty in the European theater. He expects to go to Florida to train troops.

We miss our happy-go-lucky stock girl, Ethel Collins, who has left us to become a telephone operator in the local exchange. The best of luck to Ethel in her new position.

Alice Allard is a very happy girl these past few days... it must be because of the cablegram she received from her fiancé saying he had left France for the U. S. arriving in a few days. Sure she is happy and we just know a wonderful time is in store for her.

Susan Higgins enjoyed her vacation at home and in Bennington, Vt.

Frank Major, our assistant foreman, enjoyed his vacation at home. During this time, he painted his home and according to all reports it looks very nice, Frank.

Doris Richer and Alice Allard sure miss their pal, Frances Morse. Hope you come back soon "Fran" to cheer them up.

You can tell that the war is over, Madeline Roullet actually has matches now—four years is a long time to be without them, isn't it, "Made?"

Back at the LOG Desk

We are happy to welcome our managing editor, Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild to the Log desk after a leave of absence. Because her recent trip to Mexico holds so many stories, we assigned our Associate Editor, Mary Mathews, to interview Evelyn on the high spots of the trip.

Mary: Would you give us a few ideas about Mexico, Evelyn. Is the weather very hot down there?

Evelyn: No, Mary, not in Mexico City. The altitude is so high there (almost 6,000 feet) that rarely is it uncomfortable. Temperature is between 68 and 72 degrees all the time. Of course, low altitude towns are HOT.

Mary: Did you see a bull fight?

Evelyn: I did—and was thrilled with it. The very first matador in the ring, stumbled, and was almost gored by the sharp horns of the first bull. Everyone gasped. Personally, one bull-fight was exciting, but I doubt if I could enjoy it Sunday after Sunday, the way the Mexicans do.

Mary: What were the highlights which you will remember of your trip?

Evelyn: The pyramids, which cover an area larger than those in Egypt. Their bases are covered with curious carvings of serpent heads. Or, Mt. Orizaba, snowcapped, etched against a deep blue sky, with luxurious tropical plants at its base as well as a gardenia-filled swimming pool. I loved the town of Taxco, nestled on a hill, where its main church is gold-encrusted, and its dome made of tile. And I think, Mary, you would have loved the little burros, no bigger than good-sized dogs.

Mary: There is just one other thing I should like to ask—What did it feel like when your plane struck an air pocket?

Evelyn: Well, during a storm near Kansas City, we struck so many air pockets, that my heart was where my hat should have been most of the time. But do you know what my greatest experience was, Mary?

Mary: It's likely to be anything!

Evelyn: My greatest thrill was to walk into a Mexican department store, and make some requests in Spanish... and have the clerk understand me! With my terrible pronunciation—that is a real thrill!

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

The Department was happy to receive a visit from T-5th grade Raymond Lamoureux who has been attached to the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Div. This Division with the Occupation Forces near Manheim, Germany, is known as the "Bloody Bucket" Division. Originally, it was the Penna. State Guard and before Ray joined, had taken active part in the French Normandy Campaign and Colmar, France, Ray, who now wears three battle stars has returned to Ft. Devens.

Two of our young ladies, Mary Prenguber and Verna Lamore, and Priscilla Windover of the Payroll Dept., enjoyed a week end trip to the "big town", New York. There, they enjoyed two good shows—"Oklahoma" and the "Ice Follies" and for a time, thought they had been shipped an Alice-in-Wonderland shrinking potion, for the cuspidors were that big! Honestly, in the hotel lobby, those big gold colored urns reached half way to the ceiling! They must be cuspidors, for what other useful purpose could they serve?

There are several of us still looking forward to vacations. Two, who enjoyed theirs recently, were Rita Slade who took hers at home, and made short trips to nearby points of interest; and Bill Carleton, who had a pleasant time visiting his sister and taking in the sights at Finger Lakes in New York State.

Factory Engineering

By Doris Roy

This month, folks, it seems my column will bring nothing but farewells.

First on the list is Jay Barton. After working here during his summer vacation as a draftsman, Jay has returned to school. Good luck to you in your studies, fella.

Now comes Milton Spencer, who has been with Sprague's for two years and three months. Sorry to see you go, Milt, and here's wishing you smooth sailing on your new job.

Last to appear on the list of those leaving us is Andreanna Prystas, also a draftsman. Although it has only been a few days since she left us, her friendly smile is missed by all. Best wishes from all, "Andy".

PALS



"Micky" Urbano poses with his cousin, Larry Dean. Larry (right) is the son of Milly Dean of Block annex and nephew of Mary Roberts of Boxing. "Mickey" (left) is the nephew of Connie Urbano, also of the Boxing Department.

Check Inspection

During the period of reconversion, many of our inspectors are layed off, and there is little news to report. Here's hoping all our girls will be back soon.

"Mom" Short has returned from a two weeks' vacation looking well rested.

Rita Pedrin spent her vacation resting at home and has returned well rested.

Welcome to Eleanor Tourjee and Rita Fountain to the Beaver Street Check Inspector Division.

To Doris Domenick and Norma Lerta: Who were the handsome sailors you were seen bidding farewell to at the station recently???

Best wishes and lots of luck to Corinne Vanier, who was married September 15, to Hermon Simon. Hermon was recently honorably discharged from the army.

Boxing

By Connie Urbano

Vacations: Stafford Lewis in Kentucky...Norma Cardinal, Lila Abraham in Boston...Rita Ross, Mabel Benoit and "Dodie" Godfrey in New York...Olga Sumner at Hyannis.

Welcome back to Anne Sweeney.

Best of luck to June Daniels who was recently married.

Happy days for Edith Fields, her son has arrived home from overseas and is enjoying a 30 day furlough.

Why does the playing of a certain song cause Tessie Czaja and Emma Montagna to look at one another and grin.

Here today and gone tomorrow. A group of girls in this department have been enjoying quite an experience, moving around. "Well, said Connie Urbano, "Variety is the spice of life." "Big joke, eh girls?"

Network Lab

By Helen Corsi

"Pop" Dufraine and wife enjoyed a vacation in Montreal and Quebec, Canada. It was their pleasure to pay a visit to the shrine of St. Anne while there.

To our two former co-workers, Janice Belouin and Genevieve Caffrey, the best of luck. Janice entered the Bishop Memorial Nursing School, and Genevieve the St. Luke's Nursing School, as cadet nurses.

We welcome Mildred Kolodziej and hope she will enjoy being one of us.

"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

Vacations: Flora Lawson, Cape Cod... "Red" Walczak, at home... Wilma Horn, at home... Betty Coulter, oh, just here and there... Hattie Roy, at home... "Pat" Roy, New York City.

To our former co-workers, we hope to see you all back with us again soon.

Never a dull moment for Kate Mariani now there is a car for the family. Speed! Well at least 20 miles an hour, and as much fun.

By the way, Betty Coulter, what happened to your horn?

Tell us "Ken" Roy, what was the attraction at the fair that made you forget to get back to work?

The engagement of Jean Zelazo, formerly of this department, to Oliva Richard, Jr., has been announced.

Best wishes go to "Jack" Diamond our former check inspector.



Peter Miles, Jr., young son of Frances of the Boxing Department and Peter, Sr. of Centrifuge Department.

Sample News

By the "Shadow"

Where did all this hot weather come from? Has some one been hoarding it?

Glad to see you back "Mac" Filiault and fully recovered from your illness.

Suggest having your eyes examined, Billy. You sure looked cute walking around with a brown and a black shoe. Going to bed earlier may help too.

"Don" Fortini—where do you find all of those gadgets to play with?

"Joe" Gardzina is a new member of our department and is quite the ladies man. Have you named the wedding day yet, Joe? (Oh, what am I saying?) Hope you enjoy working with us.

Best of luck to Billy White, who has left us. We all will miss looking at your curly hair.

Rose Giacco is impatiently wondering when her sweetie, Eddie, is coming home from Panama. Patience, Rose.

"Tete" Montagna had to pull into harbor quite suddenly the other day for repairs. One of her anchors came loose. Was it dragging, Tete?

Block Test

By Barbara King

Those with perfect attendance and no tardy marks for the month of August are:

Frederick Landry	Mina Estes
Henry Meczywor	Mary Zito
Albert Vareschi	Florence Lincoln
Fred Suthers	Harry Embry
Harry Arbour	Gertrude Burr
Nellie Cavanaugh	Nellie Jepson
Bertha Jennings	Elizabeth Fleury
Alda Massari	Sally Williams
Doris Williams	Georgianna Galligan
Agnes Perry	Claire Denno
Anna Malloy	Eva Stone
Lena Cuccia	Charles Darby
Josephine DePaoli	Ruth Arrighini

Frances Solari recently enjoyed a visit to Long Beach, New York, where she visited her sailor husband.

Muriel Benz is very happy these days. Her husband, Everett, has recently returned to the U. S. after being in the ETO two and one-half years.

Dry Rolling

By "Jo" Kieltyka

"K" Battersby enjoyed a week end in New Jersey and also a week end in New York recently. She claims she likes New York better. Reason? More men!

It has been a long time since we heard anything about Art Molleur's chickens and Mary Scott's post-war home. Now that Art's oldest son has started school we will probably hear plenty on his school life. If he is anything like his father there will be plenty to tell.

What a coincidence... Art Molleur and Edith Russell celebrated their birthdays on the 7th of September. Some of Art's pals took up a collection for him and when he counted it up, he had the price of a bottle of beer and three red tokens. Well, that's better than nothing, Art.

Mary Girgenti celebrated her birthday August 30th. Her co-workers brought in sandwiches, cake and everything that goes to make a party except...and everybody had a good time.

Just to make sure we have not slighted those who have celebrated birthdays recently, we wish them many happy returns of the day.

If you see Alice Bennett with a gleam in her eyes and a song on her lips, it's because her husband is due home anytime now.

Joe DeGrenier spent another week in New York.

Did you ever stop to think how quiet it would be in our department if we all were like Mr. Proud? What would happen if Aimie DesGrande wasn't always up to some mischief? Sometimes I wonder.

A welcome to all new girls in our department.

Glad to see Alice Millette back after her leave of absence.

Much amusement was afforded to all by the tear in Jimmy Gonyea's pants. The condition was well taken care of by Bill Lamberti who turned seamstress in a time of emergency.

Feted at Shower

On September 1st "Izzy" Paquette Lively was given a shower party at her home. About 75 guests attended. "Izzy" was presented a maple platform rocker from her co-workers. Many took time during their lunch hour on September 10th, "Izzy's" wedding day, to stop in at the Moose Hall where the wedding reception was held. She was a lovely bride and wishes for her happiness come from the entire department.

So ends the news for this time. A couple more writeups like this and I am afraid the *Log* editor will be limiting space.

Barbara Holt -- Guest Star

An exceptionally fine program was presented by Sprague on Parade, Wednesday, September 12. Opening with a number from *Flying Down to Rio*, Larry Madison sang the tango, "Orchids in the Moonlight."

Miss Rita Gagner, in charming voice, sang Cole Porter's "I Love You Truly."

Our guest soloist, Miss Barbara Holt, of Williamstown and New York City, with the poise and ability of a trained singer gave two selections: "Open Thy Blue Eyes" by Massenet, and Schubert's "Who Is Sylvia." It was a pleasure to hear her and it is hoped she might favor us again. At one time she worked in our Sales Office.

As a farewell gesture and in answer to numerous requests, Miss Florence Dunn, our accompanist, gave a piano solo, Chopin's "Military Polonaise." Miss Dunn is leaving to assume new duties at the Emma Willard School in Troy, N. Y.

Christine Cardillo, in her excellent style, sang Chopin's A flat, Opus 53 in the popular version, "Till the End of Time."

Nan Ross, Larry Madison, and the chorus as a fitting end to the program sang "Over the Rainbow."

A Forecast

The same day Japan surrendered, August 14, 1945, Signal Corps Officials of the U. S. Army unveiled to the public for the first time, a new war science. Weather conditions were reported from the stratosphere via unmanned, free balloon!

On its first flight a 30" diameter helium balloon was used to which was attached a tiny broadcasting unit, described as "Radisonde Equipment." A radio tube and three measuring devices fit into a small 5" x 7" corrugated box, covered with aluminum foil. As the balloon ascends, these three things happen successively: the temperature, humidity and pressure are measured and transmitted to the receiving apparatus. The balloon explodes in the stratosphere, and the radio apparatus falls to earth with a parachute.

Thousands of these instruments are being manufactured for the Army and Navy and have been in practical use for some time in combat. While this weather reporting device is destined to play an important role in civilian aeronautics of the future, today it is still exclusively in the hands of the U. S. Army.



Daughter: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Roy are the parents of a daughter born September 8, 1945. Father is employed in the Maintenance Department at Brown Street.

Daughter: A daughter, Joann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold St. Dennis September 10, 1945. Dad is employed in the Lab at Beaver Street.

Daughter: Lieut. and Mrs. Charles S. Reder of Norfolk, Va., are the parents of a daughter, Janet Ann, born September 7, 1945. Mrs. Reder the former Teresa Millette was employed in the Production Planning Department.

Son: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Waryjasz, August 28, 1945. Mother is Gilda, formerly employed in the Sample Department at Brown Street.

A Fall Forewarning

Like most family men you probably take at least one day during the year for a thorough clean-up around the house, the basement and garage—and the fall is when you tackle it.

It is while doing the unusual things, those to which you are not accustomed—even the very simple operations.

1. Watch for protruding nails.
2. Use step stool or step ladder for reaching and move it when necessary for convenience and safety.
3. Burn rubbish in a safe location.
4. Consider if it might not be safer and cheaper to hire a plumber or electrician to do that repair job that *looks* so simple.
5. Lift well within your capacity and always use leg muscles in preference to back muscles.
6. If possible get another member of the family to help—two persons will do it easier, faster.



The resignation of Mrs. Agnes McDonough, the Brown Street Plant editor has been received and accepted with regret. Agnes has been active on the *Log* staff over a long period of time and her capable assistance will be missed. However, we at the *Log* desk fully appreciate her position and realize that with the expansion of the Brown Street Plant her duties have become more numerous and outside activities have had to be curtailed.

At this time a message to Agnes from us; Your co-operation has been much appreciated and working with you, a pleasure.

We extend our deep sympathy to Miss Ethel Lowe, nurse at Brown St., on the loss of her father, Mr. Edward Lowe, a resident here for the past 50 years.

BEATING THE TOM TOM



Helen Scarfone of the Impregnating Dept. enjoys a fine vacation at Myrtle Beach, Conn.

P. A. A. Department

By Elsie Leja

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiLego on the recent loss of their son, Carmen. Mrs. DiLego is employed in this department.

Welcome back to Pauline Les.

A speedy recovery is wished for Ronald Beauchamp, son of Clara of this department. Ronald is a patient in a hospital in Pittsfield.

Have you noticed the beautiful ring Carmen Zappone got from????

"Ipana, the smile of beauty"—Alfred ("Toots") Bergeron.

Will someone please introduce that Tinsmith and Stove Solderer to each other?

What's the trouble, Jean Trenti, is paper rolling too much for you?

A new paper roller bemoans, "What did I ever do to deserve this?" Cheer up, Eleanor Rhodes, it isn't that bad.